

Iohannes the Undeserving

(fl. c. 456)

BRIEFING

Iohannes (*floruit* 456) was a politician of the Eastern Roman Empire. His cognomen the “undeserving” given in posterity due to Avitus, an unrecognized emperor by the East, appointed him to consulship, making it by default invalid.

BIOGRAPHY

Iohannes is known only through the inscriptions that recorded him as the Consul of year 456, when he was chosen by the Eastern court to hold this office together with Varanes; in the West, however, he was not recognised, as the consulate was held by Emperor Avitus.